Safety to oIL tankers in Persian Gulf

2783. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iran has sought India's help to safeguard transiting oil tankers in the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Import of petroleum products

2784. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of companies from where LPG/diesel/petrol/crude oil etc. are being imported to meet the existing demands of the country; and

(b) the details of foreign exchanges incurred thereon during the Ninth Five Year Plan and foreign exchange likely to be incurred during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Public sector oil companies have entered into term contracts with the national oil companies of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE, Malaysia and Libya for supply of crude oil during the current year. Whereas, there have been no imports of petrol and diesel during the current year, LPG has been imported from the national oil companies of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE and Malaysia.

(b) the foreign exchange incurred in imports during the Ninth plan was US $ 54,144 million. The foreign exchange requirements for the tenth plan would depend upon the actual imports and the prevailing prices.